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Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provided for continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

<i>Application Number</i>	10/084,985
<i>Filing Date</i>	February 28, 2002
<i>First Named Inventor</i>	Toru NAGARA
<i>Group Art Unit</i>	2828
<i>Examiner Name</i>	NGUYEN, Tuan N.
<i>Attorney Docket Number</i>	450100-03806

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. Submission required under CFR 1.114.

- a. Previously submitted
 - i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on 10/28/03
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered)
 - ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
 - iii. Other _____
- b. Enclosed
 - i. Amendment/Reply
 - ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 - iv. Other _____

2. Miscellaneous

- a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(l) required)
- b. Other _____

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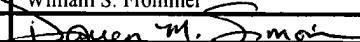
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

This preliminary amendment is being filed with an RCE to continue prosecution following the Advisory Action dated December 3, 2003; and to supplement the Amendment filed October 28, 2003 responsive to the Final Office Action dated July 29, 2003. Please amend the above-identified application as follows: